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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

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CASE NO. 3:04-CV-146-99HTS

MIDDLE DISTRICT COURT
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SEA STAR LINE, LLC,
a limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC.,
a corporation,

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO
FLA. STAT. ANN. §48.161, §48.181

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority personally appeared TIMOTHY J. ARMSTRONG, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Affiant is attorney for Plaintiff, SEA STAR LINE, LLC, and has personal knowledge of the facts stated below.

2. Pursuant to Chapter 48, Florida Statutes, the Florida Secretary of State as statutory agent for Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC., accepted and filed copies of the Summons and Complaint in the instant case on March 19, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.

3. On March 25, 2004, Affiant sent by certified mail, copies of the Complaint, Summons, Return of Service on the Florida Secretary of State, Notice of Designation Under Local Rule 3.05, and Case Management Report to Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING,

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INC. at 101 South King Street, Gloucester City, New Jersey 08030.
Copies of the cover letter to Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING,
INC., and the return receipt are attached as Composite Exhibit "A".

4. Subsequently the original return of service on Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC., through its statutory agent, the Florida Secretary of State, was filed with this Court.

5. Plaintiff, SEA STAR LINE, LLC, has complied with all requirements of Fla. Stat. Ann. §48.161 and §48.181, authorizing substituted service of process on the Florida Secretary of State as statutory agent for Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Timothy J. Armstrong
TIMOTHY J. ARMSTRONG

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 2 day of April, 2004.

Elizabeth Amador
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida
at Large

My Commission Expires:



Elizabeth Amador
My Commission DD213048
Expires May 15, 2007

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March 25, 2004

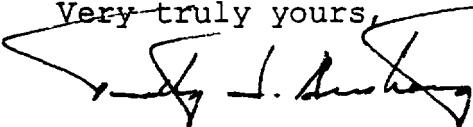
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.
101 South King Street
Gloucester City, New Jersey 08030

Re: Sea Star Line, LLC v. Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.
Case No. 3:04-CV-146-99HTS

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are copies of the Complaint, Summons, Return of Service, Notice of Designation Under Local Rule 3.05 and Case Management Report served on you through your statutory agent, the Florida Secretary of State.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY J. ARMSTRONG

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Enclosures
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EXHIBIT "A"

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

EMERG. EQUIPMENT - 225-312
161 South King Street
(SILVERED CITY, NM 88061)

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X *Heic*

Agent
 Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

Heic

C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise
<input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

Yes

2. Article Number

(Transfer from service label)

PS Form 3811, August 2001

Domestic Return Receipt

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